CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you are worshipping today at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. May your experience with God here be a blessing!

ACCESS FOR ALL: While we stand often during the service, please assume a posture of reverence which you are able or comfortable. An accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall through the kitchen. If you'd like Communion brought to your seat, our Pastor will gladly assist you. Young worshippers may visit our COR-KIDS Playspace in the rear of the sanctuary. Activity bulletins are available for children.

How do I find worship music?

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red book in your pew)

AAH - African American Heritage (the beige book in your pew)

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Website: https://www.christourredeemerjc.org

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Have questions? Interested in baptism or membership? Please speak with our *Pastor Kimberly Vaughn* after service Or, call 201.433.1836.

P-Pastor **C-Congregation**

Prelude

Welcome

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are comfortable.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⊕ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus,

the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)

Apostolic Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie

ELW p. 147 (in front of book)

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

Hymn of Praise

ELW p. 149 (in front of book)

A: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia! Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia!

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Front page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalmody Psalm 30

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel Mark 5:21-43

First Reading:

Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence

when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

³¹For the Lord will not

reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
 ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lift- | ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried | out to you, and you restored | me to health.

³You brought me up, O Lord, ¹ from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down ¹ to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the Lord, [|] all you faithful; give thanks in ho- [|] ly remembrance. R

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

⁶While I felt se- | cure, I said,

"I shall never | be disturbed.

⁷You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸I cried to | you, O Lord;

I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit? Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and have mer- | cy upon me; O Lord, | be my helper." R

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you | thanks forever. R

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(In honor of God's Good News to us in Jesus, we stand or assume a posture of reverence to receive the reading of the Gospel.)

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 151 (in front of book)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Children's Time

The Rev. Dianne Lewis

(Children are welcome to come forward for a special message.)

<u>Sermon</u> The Rev. Dianne Lewis

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Hymn of the Day

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)

The Apostles' Creed

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Back page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous

breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

- P: God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P: God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife (*nations and places may be named*) and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P: God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for:

James Gumbs	Joe Heard, Sr.	Jonathan Strong Sr.
Juanita Larkins	Kate Fauder	Kathy Connally
Louise Givens	Maggie Graves	Sylvia Bishran
Rabone Goolserran	Vernon Goolserran	Yvonne Grant
Sylvana Davis	Vyanna Proaks	

Sylvena Davis Yvonne Brooks

...and all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead (*especially*) who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(We share a sign of Christ's peace—a wave, handshake, smile, hug—however you are comfortable!)

Please be seated.

Offering & Offertory Music

(In response to hearing God's Word, we respond with joy in our offering.)

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Let The Vineyards ELW 184

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their

unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 153 (in front of book)

C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Please be seated.

Lamb of God

ELW p. 154 (in front of book)

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)

Distribution of Communion

(Please bring the communion back to your seat to eat and drink. Someone will collect the cups afterwards.)

Please stand as able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Post-Communion Canticle:

God is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME. HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME. HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

Announcements

(Please see the last page.)

SENDING

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Benediction

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn We Are Marching in the Light of God (ELW 866)

<u>Closing Anthem</u> Jesus Remember Me

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Remember Our Sick and Shut-Ins:

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Jonathan Strong Sr.	Jersey City, NJ	551-580-5759
Juanita Larkins	North Plainfield, NJ	201-798-3460
Kate Fauder	Jersey City, NJ	201-333-5752
Kathy Connally	Jersey City, NJ	201-451-9057
Louise Givens	Jersey City, NJ	201-432-1486
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Sylvena Davis	Jersey City, NJ	201-279-2002
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Ministers The People of Christ Our Redeemer

Pastor Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

Pianist Kim Norton Lector: Selena Carter

Counters: TBD

Usher: Corey Brooks and TBD

Thank you to those who assisted in today's worship.

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Our Parish Calendar

June Birthdays:

Rabone Gulsarran 2nd
Bernice Hazel 8th

Gary Carter Sr. 11th
Baieyse Pugh 12th
Shawn Norton 16th
Jonathan Strong Sr. 27th

June Baptism Anniversaries:

Kyra Pugh 14th
Kathryn Daggs-Connolly 26th

Worship Assistants for 7/7/2024

Lector: TBD Counters: TBD

Usher: Cathy Wade and TBD

Worship Assistants for 7/14/2024

Lector: Ed Price Counters: TBD

Usher: Cathy Wade and TBD

Worship Assistants for 7/21/2024

Lector: TBD

Counters: Ed Price and Jameka Carter

Usher: Cathy Wade and TBD

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational:

- HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER! We celebrate God's work among us for many years, and for God's continued work through us into the future!
- HOLIDAY AND SUMMER SAFETY: As we prepare to celebrate the July 4th holiday and as temperatures continue to soar, please practice safety at all times, and hydrate!
- COUNCIL MEETING: Church council will meet on Wednesday, July 10th at 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendars.

- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The Emma & Anna Eckhardt Scholarship application is now open for college students. Please consider applying.
- BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for conversation on "Daily Discipleship". Bible study is offered both in-person and on Zoom.
- HOLY BAPTISM/FIRST COMMUNION: If you have questions about receiving the Sacraments of Holy Baptism or First Communion, please see Pastor Kimberly.
- LOOSE CHANGE: Got any spare change? Drop it in the jar after worship—all monies go towards the building fund.
- Please see above for the list of upcoming worship assistants. We are in need of worship assistants for upcoming months.

NJ Synod and Community:

• CROSS ROADS CAMP: We are delighted to participate in an area-wide Summer of Children's Events! We will host Cross Roads Camp the week of July 29 - August 2. Children ages 3 (pre-K) through grade 5 may sign up to participate in each week's events. Pick up registration forms TODAY.



126th YEAR OF WITNESS AND SERVICE TO CHRIST THROUGH GOD'S WORD, THE LIGHT AND THE TRUTH, WE INVITE ALL TO GROW IN CHRIST

† Connected to Christ † Connected to Each Other † Connected to Community